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His reply was that there is not oppression enough, but added, that remark must be explained. He intends, I have no doubt, to go with the Board.

Merrick, I understand, intends to go back to Persia as an independent missionary. Have you seen him yet? Rev. Mr. Seely said to me yesterday, that Merrick told him in the presence of Underwood of Newark that Dr Anderson, or one of the Secretaries met Jones before he landed at Boston, and told him not to open his mouth, or if he did he was a ruined man. Enquire into that.

I expect to be in St. Albans the 1st Sunday in August next. Such are the powers and influences in operation against our ~~cause~~ that it is <sup>to</sup> seem impossible that it could have survived even until now, unless it had been sustained of God. If such opposition should be instrumental in confirming that view, it may benefit us at last more than it injures us now. If the Lord be indeed with us, we shall succeed.

How is your health? I am afraid your cough is still harassing you. Work is pleasant when there is nothing to annoy one <sup>in</sup> it, but how very few unmixed pleasures are there here! How true it is that we are all "passing away", "passing away". I frequently feel a metallic taste in my mouth, which is thought to indicate that we are nigh to raising blood.

With kind regards to your family, I am as ever your truly  
Thomas Lafon.

Dr Hiram Corlies of Greenwich Washington Co. N.Y. paid me 50 cts for the Reporter. Should not the Reporter be sent to P. Stewart of Troy? He does not get it. ✓  
Ed.



attend and Mr Burgess and Mr Treat occupied the evening. The statements of Mr D were general indefinite unsatisfactory and soporific. Mr J followed with a short address, and Mr Gridley arose and closed the meeting with evident precipitation. A member of the congregation, (not an abolitionist) arose and enquired if they could not have another meeting, and being answered in the negative, wished to ask some questions, but the privilege was not granted. Friday evening I had a meeting and reviewed the sentiments, views and statements of the speakers. Mr Gridley said he should attend my meeting and say something, which I encouraged, and gave him opportunity to do. But to the disappointment of all who had had their expectations raised, he declined. Then he gave it out that he would preach on the subject Sunday afternoon. He did so and I attended, and had a meeting in the evening and answered him. And finally gave them another lecture, by request, last evening which was Monday, making seven in all that I have given here. There were several circumstances that seemed to render it necessary that the subject should be harrowed here.

Have you seen a report of the meeting which the Secretaries had in Bangor about the first of June? I used what was said about Polygamy, and I think with some effect. If such meetings are not already becoming somewhat troublesome to the Board folks, I am mistaken. They were evidently afraid of questions here. I was sadly disappointed at not having Mr Smith attend the meeting with the others in this place. He seemed, at Berlin, to be entirely in the embrace of the Board. Mr Gridley told him, while there, that I was representing that there is great oppression at the Sandwick Island



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Dear Bro.

I suppose that by this time you have made your trip to Washington and are snugly back at home. Since I saw you, I have neither travelled far, nor done much. This season of the year is unfavorable for evening lectures in small country places, especially on a subject in which but a moiety of the population, at best, is interested. I was much pleased with Mr. Weaver's suggestion that we should hold some conventions in concert in this state, during the time of long days and short evenings, but he has disappointed me, and I do not now make any dependence upon his being here.

I lectured along in different places from Troy to this place, and arrived here the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> I had three services in the Church of Rev Mr. Comings with pretty fair attendance. A fourth lecture Monday evening was well attended. Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. the ordination of Mr. Hagen, in Berlin 4 miles distant, as a missionary of the A.B.<sup>c</sup> took place. Quite a missionary aspect was given to the whole proceedings, Mr. Treat of the rooms, Mr. Burgess return missionary from India, & Mr. A. B. Smith return missionary from the Islands being present, and all taking part in the exercises. They appointed a missionary meeting to be held in Montpelier that evening, at which it was given out the above named missionaries were to be present. Mr. Smith, however, did not